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RE: U.S. Utility Application Serial No. 10/718,738

Dear Sir:

The enclosed Amendment and Response was filed in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on June 21, 2006 by facsimile transmission. The Examiner in the case recently contacted the undersigned counsel and advised counsel that the Response has never been entered into the USPTO system and suggested that I provide a copy of the response along with the certificate of transmission to expedite its proper entry into the USPTO system. The Auto-Reply Facsimile Transmission also is enclosed.

Upon a review of the file, it became apparent that the transmittal form submitted with the Amendment and Response included a typographical error in the application serial number. Specifically, it included the prefix "60" instead of "10." Thus, the Amendment likely was misplaced at the USPTO. The Amendment and Response, however, included the correct application serial number 10/ 718,738.

Sincerely,


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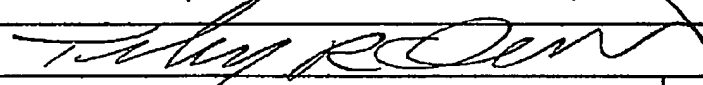
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